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SUBJ: LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT: RTP NARCOTIC TRAINING PROGRAM

1. ROYAL THAI POLICE (RTP), BUREAU OF EDUCATION (BE HAS COMPLETED AND OBTAINED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S APPROVAL OF A FIVE (5) YEAR SPECIALIZED NARCOTIC TRAINING PROGRAM. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS APPROVED PROGRAM WHICH ALSO HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DTEC AND AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE, ALTHOUGH INFORMALLY, BY USG, IS THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL CURRENCY SUPPORT FROM DTEC SO LONG AS THERE IS USG DOLLAR ASSISTANCE (DETAILS OF 5 YEAR PLAN IN RTP OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FORM WILL BE POUCHED.)

2. THE FIVE (5) YEAR PROGRAM WILL RESULT IN THE TRAINING OF 95 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE AT THE LEVEL AND COMPREHENSIVENESS REQUIRED BY THE PARTICULAR STUDENT, I.E. GENERAL AWARENESS, ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR THOSE RECRUITS AND POLICE PERSONNEL NOT ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT, AND SPECIALIZED NARCOTIC INVESTIGATION TRAINING FOR THOSE ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY OR PREDOMINANTLY TO NARCOTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS.

3. AS PART OF THE PLAN, FIVE (5) COURSES WERE IDENTIFIED, DEVELOPED, AND APPROVED AS OFFICIAL ROYAL THAI POLICE TRAINING COURSES. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE COURSES IS THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED THE BUREAU OF EDUCATION NOW TO COMMENCE BUDGETING SUPPORT FOR THE TRAINING COURSES IN THE REGULAR RTP BUDGET. (DETAILS CONCERNING THE COURSES IN RTP OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FORM WILL BE POUCHED.)

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4. HOWEVER, RTP BUDGETING WILL COMMENCE GRADUALLY AND WILL TAKE OVER THE FULL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIVE (5) YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM. IN INTERIM, RTP HOPES TO RECEIVE CONTINUING AID FROM USG AND CONSEQUENTLY DTEC.

5. THE FIVE (5) YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM INCLUDES PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL (INTERNATIONAL) NARCOTIC INVESTIGATION TRAINING COMMENCING IN FY 79 AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

6. USG SUPPORT REQUESTED BY BUREAU OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE FIVE (5) YEAR PLAN IS LIMITED TO ADVISORY ASSISTANCE, ASSISTING IN THE EXPANSION OF THEIR MOBILE TRAINING CAPABILITY, PRINTING CERTIFICATES AND MANUALS, PROVIDING TRAINING AIDS, A HEAVY U.S. PARTICIPANT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INSTRUCTORS, AND REQUEST TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL (INTERNATIONAL) TRAINING CENTER TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON RTP LAND LOCATED NEAR DON MUANG AIRPORT.

7. THE USG SUPPORT REQUESTED IN SO FAR AS ADVISORY SERVICES, EXPANSION OF MOBILE TRAINING CAPABILITY, PRINTING, PROVIDING TRAINING AIDS AND LIMITED U.S. PARTICIPANT TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTORS IS WELL WITHIN EMBASSY VIEWS REGARDING SUCH SUPPORT.

8. ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL (INTERNATIONAL) TRAINING CAPABILITY HAS TO DATE BEEN LIMITED TO ASSISTING IN PLANNING TWO (2) SUCH COURSES TO BE PRESENTED IN FY 79 AND THE REQUESTING OF A DEA TRAINING TEAM TO ASSIST AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST
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TWO COURSES. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO SIDE-STEP DIRECT QUESTIONS REGARDING SUPPORT IN DEVELOPMENT, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A REGIONAL (INTERNATIONAL) TRAINING FACILITY AWAITING POLICY POSITION OF DEPARTMENT (S/NM)

9. EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE RTP BUREAU OF EDUCATION, FIVE (5) YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM AS OUTLINED ABOVE, PAR 7 AND 8. UPON COMPLETION OF FIVE (5) YEAR PROGRAM USG ASSISTANCE TO TRAINING WILL TERMINATE. FOLLOWING ARE ESTIMATED COSTS.

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FY 78 (INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT)
TECHNICIAN - 65,000 (PASA) (CENTRALLY FUNDED)
COMMODITIES- 60,000

PARTICIPANT TRAINING
US- (CENTRAL FUNDS) 8 INSTRUCTORS, 2 EXECUTIVES
3RD- 0
OTHER COSTS 25,000
TOTAL \$150,000

FY 79 (INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT)
TECHNICIAN - 65,000 (PASA) (CENTRALLY FUNDED)
COMMODITIES- 60,000

PARTICIPANT TRAINING
US- (CENTRAL FUNDS) 2 - 4 PARTICIPANTS, MOI
3RD- 2,500 5 PARTICIPANTS
OTHER COSTS 15,000
TOTAL \$142,500

FY 80 (INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT)
TECHNICIAN- 68,000 (PASA) TO BE REVIEWED TO NEED
COMMODITIES- 30,000

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US- (CENTRAL FUNDS) 2-4 PARTICIPANTS, MOI COURSE
3RD- 2,500 5 PARTICIPANTS
OTHER COSTS - 10,000
TOTAL \$110,500

FY 81 (INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT)
TECHNICIAN - 70,000 (PASA) TO BE REVIEWED FOR NEED
COMMODITIES- 10,000
PARTICIPANT TRAINING
US- (CENTRAL FUNDS) 2-4 PARTICIPANTS, MOI COURSE
3RD - 2,500 5 PARTICIPANTS
OTHER COSTS- 5,000

TOTAL \$87,500

FY 82 (INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT)

TECHNICIAN - 0
COMMODITIES- 5,000
PARTICIPANT TRAINING
US- (CENTRAL FUNDS) 2-4 PARTICIPANTS, MOI COURSE
3RD 2,800 5 PARTICIPANTS
OTHER COSTS - 2,000
TOTAL \$9,800

FY 83 (INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT)

TECHNICIAN - 0
COMMODITIES- 0

PARTICIPANT TRAINING

US- (CENTRAL FUNDS) 2-4 PARTICIPANTS, MOI COURSE
3RD - 2,800 5 PARTICIPANTS
OTHER COSTS - 0
TOTAL \$2,800

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10. THE LONG AWAITED FOR NARCOTICS MANUAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED EXCEPT FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT PRINTING OF THE MANUAL WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF AUGUST.

11. THE VIDEO STUDIO HAS RECEIVED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONTRACT SCRIPT WRITING, ETC. FOR FIVE (5) VIDEO TRAINING TAPE AND IS COMMENCING THE SHOOTING OF ONE OF THE FIVE THIS WEEK.

12. AN EXCELLENT OVER-ALL EVALUATION IS GIVEN THE TRAINING EFFORT BY US. A GREAT DEAL OF THE PROGRESS MUST BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE LEADERSHIP OF MAJ. GEN. PHASNA.
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